India and Kazakhstan identified for cooperation the fields of Information Technology, Energy, Pharmaceuticals & Defence;

(b) The following bilateral agreements were signed during the visit :

1. Agreement on setting up of a Joint Working Group for combating International Terrorism and other types of crimes.

2. Memorandum on Military-Technical Cooperation.

3. Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Tourism.

(c) Hydrocarbons could be an area of interest.

(d) and (e) IT and Pharmaceuticals have been identified as special areas for economic cooperation. The proposal to develop a Technology Park is an issue of interest in Kazakhstan.

Report card on assurances and promises made by Musharraf

224. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a report card on the various assurances and promises made by President Parvez Musharraf from time to time to reduce cross-border terrorism for the last one year together with follow-up steps taken by him to implement those assurances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the trend of the positive action taken by him to contain terrorists activities and whether the record, so far, reflects his sincerity of purpose in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) On 12th January, 2001, in an address to the Pakistan nation, the President of Pakistan announced that his Government would take steps to crackdown on terrorist groups and that :

- Pakistan would no longer allow its territory to be used for any terrorist activity anywhere in the world.

•No organization would be allowed to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.

During another similar address on May 27 he announced that no infiltration would take place across the LoC. During his visit to the region (June 6-7), the US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage conveyed to India the pledge from General Musharraf to stop cross border infiltration on a permanent basis.

(c) After the commitment of President Musharraf to end cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, there has been some reduction in infiltration. However, infiltration and Pakistan sponsored terrorist violence continue at a significant scale. There is no evidence of any firm attempts being made to dismantle the infrastructure that supports and feeds cross border terrorism including launching stations, communication centres and training camps. Government are firmly resolved to continue taking all necessary measures to end cross border terrorism.

Discussion on terrorism with Bangladesh Foreign Minister

225. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of terrorism from across the border was discussed with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister during his recent visit;

(b) if so, what was the outcome;

(c) whether the Foreign Minister is alleged to have said that the innocents have been killed because of high handedness of the border police on both sides; and

(d) whether any remedial steps are being taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) Mr. M. Moshed Khan, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh visited India on 16-17 June, 2002. During his visit, he called on Prime Minister, Principal Secretary to PM & National Security Adviser and held detailed talks with External Affairs Minister. The issue of presence of Indian insurgents in Bangladesh was discussed. The Foreign Minister of